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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Attached is a letter for the Attorney General. I debated about sending this until I heard about Netscape's lawsuit. Someone should sue Netscape for its bad software.

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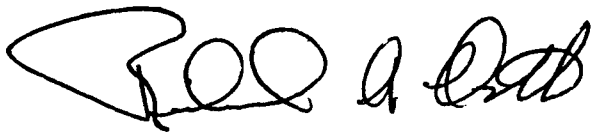
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express my thoughts regarding the settlement of the Microsoft case. To begin with, this case was ludicrous from its inception. It is way past time that this case is settled and I certainly hope that there will be no further delay in the process.

I worked in the computer industry for many years, building computer systems for the telephone industry. I have used various products and dealt with Microsoft as well as many of its competitors. Microsoft may have perhaps used their position unfairly, but that only happened because of their wise business decisions and exceptional products. As part of the settlement, Microsoft is giving away interface design information, protocol for their server systems and they are allowing competitors' software on their Windows platform. They have also agreed to make several changes in their unsavory business practices to restore fair competition to the computer industry. Combined, all of this addresses the problems that were accused of Microsoft and adequately represents the public interest.

This whole issue has been a farce that selfish politicians have used to gain attention and popularity. Despite their supposed problems, Microsoft has set a standard for the entire computer industry. The computer industry and the entire economy would be much better off if Microsoft is allowed to get back to business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Ortt", with a large, stylized initial "R" and "O".

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